

Families First in Numbers

Updated with Information from November 2004

Current number of Assistance Groups: 73,818

Current number of adults: 56,972

Current number of children: 139,346

Assistance Groups prior to Families First (August, 1996): 91,499

Current number of child only cases: 18,299

Closures in November:

total closures: 4015

closures for 18 month time limits: 152

closures for sanctions: 711

work-related sanctions: 656

other sanctions: 55

closures for employment: 1053

Time limit closures since Families First started: 10,241

Current number of Assistance Groups with a working adult: 11,105

Average monthly wage of employed participants: \$666.63

Average monthly cash benefit for participating families: \$168.59

Re-entry rate of Families First participants: 32.8% of cases which close re-enter the program (after an absence of more than two months) at some point during the next 55 months.

The number of families served by the program between 1996 and now exceeds 250,000.